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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed August 19, 2008, Applicants elect Group 5 (claims 20-34).

In response to the indication that the Applicant is required to elect a species, Applicant elects the species of agents in (d), an antibody that binds to an epitope present on SEO ID NO:6.

Pursuant to MPEP 809.02(a), the following is a listing of all claims readable on the elected species: claims 20-23 and 26-30.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of any non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the telephone number listed below if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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